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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 15, 2002, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to November 15 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the restriction/election requirement set forth in the office action mailed July 15, 2002, applicant elects to prosecute the claims in Group I,

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i.e., claims 1-20 and 38-47. This election is made without traverse. The non-elected claims are canceled without prejudice to applicant's right to submit such claims in a divisional application.

Applicant notes the Examiner's observation that claim 37 is a method claim that was improperly made dependent from an apparatus claim. Accordingly, claim 37 has been treated as a non-elected claim, and has been canceled along with the claims that the Examiner classified in Group II.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one (1) month to November 15, 2002, in which to file a reply to the Office Action. The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at (949) 955-1920 with any questions regarding this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1159 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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